AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Currently Amended)   A server apparatus, connected to an information processing terminal via a network, for determining whether or not to distribute a program in response to and identified in a program obtainment request attached to a terminal ID transmitted from the information processing terminal,

wherein the information processing terminal stores the terminal ID such that the stored terminal ID cannot be re-written externally,

wherein the identified program includes a program body for running on the information processing terminal and program specific information for running the program body, and

wherein the server apparatus comprises:

a receiving unit operable to receive the program obtainment request attached to the terminal ID, the program obtainment request being received from the information processing terminal;

a table holding unit operable to hold a first table identifying a relationship between a previously distributed program and a terminal ID; and

a decision unit operable to (i) decide whether or not the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request received by the receiving unit is recorded in the first table, (ii) distribute only the program body of the identified program to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information of the identified program in a case where the decision unit decides that the terminal ID ~~attached to the program obtainment~~

~~request~~ is recorded in the first table, and ~~(ii)~~ (iii) in a case where the decision unit decides that

the terminal ID ~~attached to the program obtainment request~~ is not recorded in the first table, add,

to the first table, the terminal ID and the program specific information, such that the added

terminal ID and the program specific information have a corresponding relationship identified in

the first table and distribute the program body and the program specific information, as the

identified program, to the information processing terminal, wherein the distributed program

specific information is for revoking the information processing terminal from attempting an

unauthorized use of the identified program.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented)   The server apparatus according to Claim 18,

wherein, in response to each program obtainment request from the information processing

terminal, the decision unit distributes the program body of a program identified in each program

obtainment request, and distributes the program specific information of each identified program

only once.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented)   The server apparatus according to Claim 18,

    wherein the table holding unit holds a second table identifying the terminal ID and a

corresponding number of distributions of the program specific information, and

    wherein the decision unit, by referring to the second table (i) distributes only the program

body of the identified program to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution

of the program specific information of the identified program in a case where the number of

distributions corresponding to the terminal ID reaches a prescribed value, and (ii) updates the

3

number of distributions corresponding to the terminal ID, as described in the second table and distributes the program body and the program specific information, as the identified program, to the information processing terminal, in a case where the number of distributions corresponding to the terminal ID does not reach the prescribed value.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) The server apparatus according to Claim 20,

wherein the table holding unit holds a third table identifying a relationship between the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request from the information processing terminal, a program body ID for uniquely identifying the program body distributed to the information processing terminal having the terminal ID, and a number of distributions indicating a number of times the program specific information has been distributed to the information processing terminal having the terminal ID, and

wherein the decision unit, by referring to the third table, (i) distributes only the program body of the identified program to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information of the identified program in a case where the number of distributions, corresponding to both the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal, reaches the prescribed value, and (ii) updating the number of distributions corresponding to the terminal ID and the program ID, described in the third table and distributing the program body and the program specific information, as the identified program, to the information processing terminal, in a case where the number of distributions, corresponding to the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal, does

4

not reach the prescribed value.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented)   The server apparatus according to Claim 21,

wherein the prescribed value is a value indicating the number of distributions that the program

specific information is allowed to be distributed from the server apparatus to the information

processing terminal.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented)   The server apparatus according to Claim 20,

wherein the prescribed value is a value indicating the number of distributions that the program

specific information is allowed to be distributed from the server apparatus to the information

processing terminal.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented)   The server apparatus according to Claim 18,

wherein the table holding unit holds a fourth table identifying a relationship between the

terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request from the information processing

terminal, a program body ID for uniquely identifying the program body distributed to the

information processing terminal having the terminal ID, and a program specific information ID

for uniquely identifying the program specific information distributed to the information

processing terminal having the terminal ID, and

wherein the decision unit, by referring to the fourth table (i) distributes only the program

body of the identified program to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution

of the program specific information of the identified program in a case where the program

5

specific information ID, corresponding to both the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information processing terminal, is described in the fourth table, and in a case where the program specific information ID corresponding to both the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request is not described in the fourth table, adding, to the fourth table, the terminal ID, the program specific information ID, and the program ID, such that the terminal ID, the program specific information ID and the program ID have a corresponding relationship identified in the fourth table and distribute the program body and the program specific information, as the identified program, to the information processing terminal.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented)　The server apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the server apparatus holds a plurality of program specific information which is information that is different for each information processing terminal, and holds one program body which is common for each information processing terminal.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented)　The server apparatus according to Claim 18,

wherein the table holding unit holds a fifth table identifying a relationship between a program body ID uniquely identifying the program body of the identified program and the terminal ID of the information processing terminal on which the program body runs, and

wherein the decision unit, by referring to the fifth table (i) determines that the program body of the identified program can be distributed in a case where the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from the information

processing terminal are identified in the fifth table as having a correspondence and (ii)

determines that the program body of the identified program cannot be distributed in a case where

the program ID and the terminal ID attached to the program obtainment request transmitted from

the information processing terminal are not identified in the fifth table as having a

correspondence.

Claims 27-31 (Cancelled)

Claim 32 (Currently Amended)   A program distribution method of using a server apparatus,

connected to an information processing terminal via a network, for determining whether or not to

distribute a program in response to and identified in a program obtainment request attached to a

terminal ID transmitted from the information processing terminal,

wherein the server apparatus holds a table identifying a relationship between a previously

distributed program and a terminal ID,

wherein the information processing terminal stores the terminal ID such that the stored

terminal ID cannot be re-written externally,

wherein the identified program includes a program body for running on the information

processing terminal and program specific information for running the program body, and

wherein the method comprises:

receiving, from the information processing terminal, the program obtainment

request attached to the terminal ID;

deciding whether or not the terminal ID attached to the received program

obtainment request is recorded in the table;

distributing only the program body of the identified program to the information

processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information of the

identified program in a case where the deciding decides that the terminal ID attached to the

program obtainment request is recorded in the table; and

in a case where the deciding decides that the terminal ID attached to the program

obtainment request is not recorded in the table, adding, to the table, the terminal ID and the

program specific information, such that the added terminal ID and the program specific

information have a corresponding relationship identified in the table and distributing the program

body and the program specific information, as the identified program, to the information

processing terminal, wherein the distributed program specific information is for revoking the

information processing terminal from attempting an unauthorized use of the identified program.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended)   A computer-readable storage medium having a server

program stored thereon, the server program being used by a server apparatus, connected to an

information processing terminal via a network, for determining whether or not to distribute a

program in response to and identified in a program obtainment request attached to a terminal ID

transmitted from the information processing terminal,

wherein the information processing terminal stores a terminal ID such that the stored

terminal ID cannot be re-written externally,

wherein the server apparatus holds a table identifying a relationship between a previously

distributed program and a terminal ID,

8

wherein the identified program includes a program body for running on the information processing terminal and program specific information for running the program body, and

wherein the server program causes the server apparatus to execute a method comprising:

receiving, from the information processing terminal, the program obtainment request attached to the terminal ID;

deciding whether or not the terminal ID attached to the received program obtainment request is recorded in the table;

distributing only the program body of the identified program to the information processing terminal by prohibiting distribution of the program specific information of the identified program in a case where the deciding decides that the terminal ID ~~attached to the program obtainment request~~ is recorded in the table; and

in a case where the deciding decides the terminal ID ~~attached to the program obtainment request~~ is not recorded in the table, adding, to the table, the terminal ID and the program specific information, such that the added terminal ID and the program specific information have a corresponding relationship identified in the table and distributing the program body and the program specific information, as the identified program, to the information processing terminal, wherein the distributed program specific information is for revoking the information processing terminal from attempting an unauthorized use of the identified program.